

On February 23, Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Commissioner Avery D. Niles, Judicial Council/Administrative Office of the Courts (JC/AOC) Director Marla S. Moore, and Council of Juvenile Court Judges (CJCJ) Executive Director Eric John signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for development, implementation and maintenance of a Juvenile Justice Case Management Repository.

Currently, DJJ manages a repository for use by all juvenile court judges and their respective courts to comply with the Pre Disposition Risk Assessment (PDRA) and the Detention Assessment Instrument (DAI) required in Georgia as part of the criminal justice reform legislation. After reviewing the process it was determined that the development of electronic exchanges with disparate independent juvenile courts' case management systems and the DJJ case management system into a single repository is needed.

Under the MOU, CJCJ will develop a data dictionary and protocols to create the electronic exchanges. The JC/AOC will build the exchanges, create, implement and maintain a statewide juvenile justice repository. Information from both DJJ and the independent juvenile courts will reside in the new repository.

The project is seen as a great step toward providing our judges and courts the information they need to determine the best plan of action for children coming into our courts.